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Subject: Statement Re: Common Core

Dear President Alexander, President Mason, President Sullivan and President Woodley:

In view of the recent events concerning Common Core and PARCC, our teacher preparation programs have sought Dr. Jeanne Burns' guidance on the issue. Without weighing in on the merits of the different positions on Common Core and PARCC, we need to provide some guidance to our institutions. We plan to send the following statement to the teacher preparation deans/directors to provide such guidance.

"BESE is the state agency that approves teacher preparation programs for the purpose of graduates becoming certified to teach in the state. Therefore, all Louisiana universities must comply with BESE policy for their teacher preparation programs to be approved to prepare new teachers to provide instruction in Louisiana. BESE Bulletin 996 – Standards for Approval of Teacher and/or Educational Leader Preparation Programs clearly states ***the integration of the Louisiana Content Standards is to be evidenced in the teacher education curricula of each teacher education unit.*** BESE has adopted the Common Core State Standards as Louisiana's Content Standards. Thus, universities will continue to integrate the Louisiana Content Standards into their curriculum. Failure to do so can result in universities losing BESE approval of graduates becoming certified to teach in Louisiana."

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,



W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Chair, Board of Regents

C: Campus presidents and chancellors